

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 18-26 are pending. In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, claim 21 is presented as "Currently Amended." It is respectfully submitted that the response to Office Action now meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

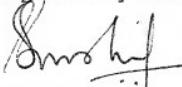
CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments herein and the remarks in the response to Office Action filed on September 17, 2007, claims 16 and 18-26 are in condition for allowance and notice of allowance is respectfully requested. It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that issue or comment. Because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

It is respectfully suggested for all of these reasons, that the current rejections are overcome, that none of the cited art teaches or suggests the features which are claimed, and therefore that all of these claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice of allowance is thus respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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